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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON UNIDO-II

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1. ON APRIL 24 EMBASSY OFFICER HANDED GUILLEN FULL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND, DRAWING ON PARAS. 2-3 OF USUN REFTEL, EXPLAINED THAT EFE STORY APPEARED TO BE RATHER DISTORTED VERSION OF ACTUAL STATEMENTS. GUILLEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT STORY MAY HAVE MISREPRESENTED SOME U.S. VIEWS, BUT THEN TOOK OCCASION TO COMPLAIN ABOUT WHAT HE TERMED UNCOMPROMISING U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD UNIDO FINAL DECLARATION, PARTICULARLY THE FACT THAT IN VOTING AGAINST DECLARATION U.S. HAD IN EFFECT THUS OPPOSED IN FINAL MOMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE SUBSTANTIAL COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, SOME OF WHICH HE CLAIMED U.S. DELEGATION HAD SUPPORTED IN DRAFTING SESSIONS, ON POINTS OTHER THAN THE TEN ON WHICH GROUP B ASKED FOR VOTES. EMBASSY OFFICER REITERATED THAT WHILE U.S. WAS NOT OPPOSED TO A MAJORITY OF POINTS IN THE DECLARATION, IT COULD NOT ACCEPT VARIOUS SPECIFIC POINTS AND COULD THEREFORE NOT SUPPORT THE FINAL DECLARATION.

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2. COMMENT: GUILLEN INTIMATED THAT GOP HAD EXPECTED U.S. TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN FINAL HOURS THAN TURNED OUT TO BE THE CASE, PRESUMABLY EXPECTING US TO ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST THE FINAL DECLARATION. WHILE THE DISCUSSION DID NOT CHANGE ANY MINDS, IT DID SERVE TO MAKE THE POINT ONCE AGAIN TO GOP THAT THERE ARE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES WHICH USG WILL OPPOSE WHEN WE PERCEIVE THEM TO BE AGAINST OUR NATIONAL INTEREST.
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